



# Nature Tots

*At home*

## Birds

This is a suggested list of learning activities that you can do at home, all linked to a specific local wildlife theme. The plan has been created with under fives in mind but may be appropriate for other ages.

### *Make binoculars*

*Toilet roll tubes, spring, scissors, rubber band*

If you are going to spot birds in the trees you need a pair of binoculars. Why not make a pair to play with? Instructions can be found [here](#).

### *Make your own garden bird*

*Clay or play dough and natural materials*

Make the bird body out of clay or play dough and use natural materials to make the wings, tail feathers and beak.



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### Make its nest

Natural materials or things around the home

Can you make a nest for your bird to sit on? Find leaves, grass and branches to make a lovely, cosy nest. If you're doing this activity inside what could you use? Toilet paper, socks?

### Create an outdoor bird feeder

Pine cone, string, lard, seeds

This is a great activity; it's fun to do and has a positive impact on wildlife. Check out detailed instructions of how to make a bird feeder [here](#).

### Paint an egg

Egg, paint or feltpens

Granted it is likely to be a chicken's egg but children love this activity, and it is a great one for springtime. Hard-boil an egg and decorate the outside. You could look at different types of egg on the internet and make a blue one with speckles that belongs to a blackbird. If you don't have eggs to spare find a pebble as close to the shape of an egg to paint.





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## More information

[Find out more about birds in the UK here.](#)

Fact: did you know that there are approximately 600 different species of wild birds in the UK, and that the blackbirds are the most common?

## Spotter sheets

[Download a free garden birds spotter sheet here.](#)

[Download a children's guide to baby birds here.](#)

## Links to the Early Year Foundation Stage Framework

- Communication and Language – Understanding the World

